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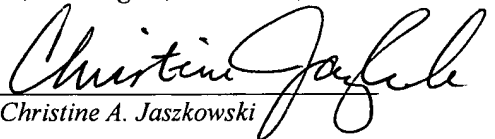
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**Title: SPEECH RECOGNITION TECHNIQUE BASED ON LOCAL INTERRUPT
DETECTION**

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2001, Applicants respectfully submit the below remarks.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration.

Claims 1-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ellis ("The Aurora Project", Foundation for Intelligent Physical Agents, June 18, 1996) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,774,859 (Houser et al; hereinafter "Houser").

With regard to independent claims 1, 9, 17, 20 and 25, the applicant notes that each of these claims includes a limitation of locally detecting, at a subscriber unit, an interrupt indicator during a voice communication, or a slightly re-worded variant thereof. That is, as described in